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SUBJECT: SEATO: 19TH COUNCIL MEETING

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1. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY TO SEATO SECGEN AND
COUNCIL REPS IN BANGKOK U.S. WILLINGNESS TO HOLD COUNCIL
MEETING ON OCTOBER 3 IN NEW YORK, RATHER THAN SEPTEMBER 27

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AS ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED.

2. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM THEM THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS AGREED TO HOST A DINNER FOR THE SEATO MINISTERS THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 3.

3. DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL WILL LEAD U.S. DELEGATION TO-COUNCIL MEETING. IF REQUESTED, HE WILL ALSO CHAIR THE MEETING. BUT FOR THE MOMENT WE ARE LEAVING THE CHAIRMANSHIP QUESTION OPEN PENDING EMBASSY'S EXPLORATION OF IDEA TO ESTABLISH ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP FOR NEW YORK MEETINGS WITH THAILAND A POSSIBILITY FOR CHAIRING THIS YEAR'S SESSION.

4. WE HAVE EMPHASIZED TO NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN MISSIONS HERE IN WASHINGTON IMPORTANCE THAT WE ATTACH TO MAINTAINING MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS. WE HAVE POINTED OUT THAT THE COUNCIL IS

SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR IN THE MANILA PACT ITSELF AND IS NOT SIMPLY AN OUTGROWTH OF THE SEATO ORGANIZATION. ALSO, TO HOLD A COUNCIL MEETING WITH LESS THAN MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATION WOULD NOT SUFFICIENTLY DIFFERENTIATE IT FROM THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL COUNCIL REPS MEETINGS IN BANGKOK. BOTH MISSIONS INDICATED THAT THEIR REPRESENTATION CURRENTLY UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION. WE HOPE THAT ABOVE POINTS AS WELL AS PARTICIPATION SECRETARY KISSINGER AND DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL IN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WILL SERVE TO ENSURE MINISTERIAL ATTENDANCE FROM THEM.

5. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY THAT FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESSEE NOW PLANNING BE IN NEW YORK ONLY OCTOBER 7-10, RATHER THAN OCTOBER 3-7 AND 9-10 AS MENTIONED BY AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL REP AT LAST COUNCIL REPS MEETING IN BANGKOK. WE WOULD FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO FURTHER POSTPONE MEETING DATE AND HOPE THAT MEMBER GOVERNMENTS CAN ACCOMMODATE MINISTERIAL SCHEDULES TO OCTOBER 3 DATE. KISSINGER

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